GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3657
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SUBSIDY TO KAILASH MANASAROVAR PILGRIMS
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request / memorandum seeking grant of subsidy to Kailash Manasarovar Pilgrims;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to provide subsidy to them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a), (b) and (c): The Kailash Manasarovar Yatra, along the traditional route across Lipulekh Pass in Pithoragarh District of Uttaranchal, is coordinated by the Ministry of External Affairs and conducted with the assistance of various Central and State Government agencies. Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam (KMVN) arranges boarding and lodging for Yatris on the Indian side. MEA provides Rs. 3,250/- per Yatri to KMVN to partially offset the expenditure incurred by the Yatris. Government provides free medical inspection and assistance, and security and escort cover upto Lipulekh Pass; insurance cover and communication links for the duration of the Yatra. A Liaison Officer is attached to each batch of Yatris. The Delhi Government provides free stay to Yatris at Ashok Yatri Niwas in New Delhi for 4-5 days during their onward and return journey. It is the constant endeavour of Government to improve and upgrade facilities for the Yatris.